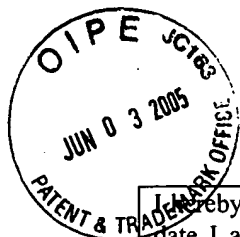


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**STATUS INQUIRY**

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on June 13, 2001. The last Office Action was mailed December 3, 2003 and our Response was mailed March 3, 2004. We have also filed a Supplemental Declaration on October 11, 2004.

Please advise the undersigned attorney of record in the application of the present status of the application.

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